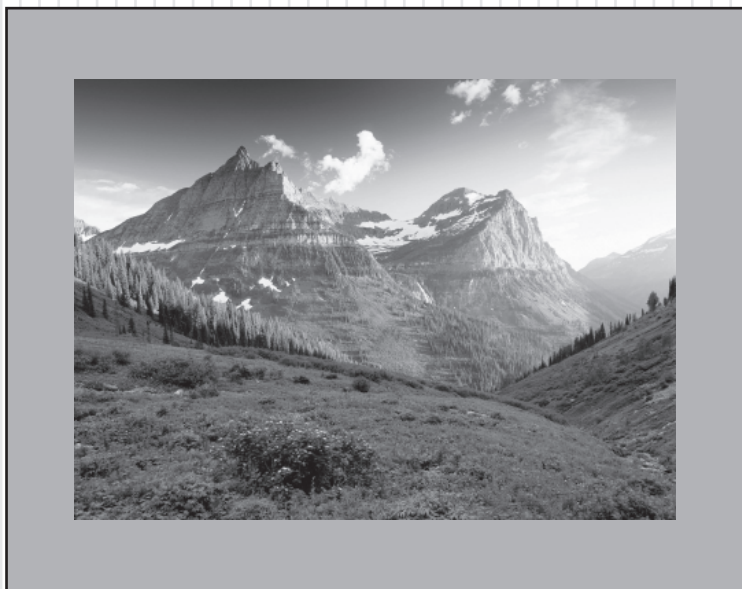


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Reading

Session 1

Read this article about soccer player Mia Hamm and then answer the questions that follow.

Goal-Oriented

Joel Poiley

Mia Hamm never set out to be a trailblazer for women's rights or female equality in athletics. But her skill and personality made her the face of women's soccer.

"I can't remember not playing," Hamm said in an interview. "I'm an athlete. I can't sing you a song or paint you a picture, but I was always a pretty good athlete. It was the way I expressed myself. I've made incredible friends; I've seen amazing places. It's been awesome."

Hamm burst on the soccer scene when she joined the U.S. national team at 15. Now acknowledged as the most recognized female soccer player in the world, Hamm owns the all-time international scoring record for women *and* men. That's not bad, especially when you consider that U.S. women have participated in international competition only since 1985.

If an event matters in U.S. women's soccer, Hamm is there, wearing her familiar number 9 jersey. She led the U.S. team to the 1999 Women's World Cup title, after scoring the opening goal against Denmark in front of a sell-out crowd at Giants Stadium in the New York City area. That victory spawned the formation of the Women's United Soccer Association (WUSA) three years ago.

The WUSA features the world's best female soccer players, including all of the players from

the 1999 Women's World Cup championship team and athletes from 14 different countries. But no player shines brighter than Hamm.

"The competition level is unparalleled because we get to play the best players from all over the world. It doesn't get much better than that," said Hamm. "What's great is that you're not just playing against their players but the whole history of their game. You look at Germany, extremely technical and very well organized, disciplined. Brazil is all about flair. Every single player, it seems, can hit a free kick, dribble through the entire team. Even the goalkeeper can. It's kind of their form of expression.

"There is also such a sense of pride when we step on the field representing the United States. The World Cup

to me is like the Super Bowl to football players or the World Series to baseball players. What makes it even more special is that it doesn't occur every year." (World Cup competition is held every four years.)

Girls Playing in Record Numbers

Inspired by the success of Hamm and her teammates, more than 20 million women worldwide



now play soccer, according to a 2001 FIFA survey. More encouraging, about 80 percent are high-school juniors or still in their teens. The U.S. alone has more than 18 million male and female participants.

Hamm said the sport appeals to girls because size isn't an issue. "Another reason is a lot of girls grow up playing coed youth soccer, which helps build confidence as they head into adolescence," said Hamm. "The sport is very grassroots, allowing a lot of girls to begin playing very young, and it is one of the few in this country where girls are judged on par with the boys because the game is identical for both genders."

The sport's worldwide appeal with women was evident in the popularity of the movie *Bend It Like Beckham*, which centers on an Indian girl born in England. Her only desire is to become a soccer star like her idol, English superstar David Beckham.

The sport's appeal in the U.S. has been boosted by the availability of Title IX scholarships. Title IX* was enacted in 1972 to allow women equal funding and equal participation in sports in government-funded universities. At that time, according to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), fewer than 30,000 women participated in sports and recreation programs. Today, nearly 150,000 women are competing in sports at NCAA member institutions. According to a recent membership survey, women now account for 41 percent of the participants in intercollegiate athletics and receive about 42 percent of the scholarship dollars.

*Title IX is the law that prohibits sex discrimination in federally-funded education programs and activities.

Many colleges started women's soccer programs in the late '70s and early '80s because the programs were inexpensive. Also, the facilities, such as playing fields, were already in place.

Hamm, who says that Title IX paved the way for her to play in school, won four college championships at the University of North Carolina and was named Soccer America Women's Collegiate Player of the Decade in 1999.

She encourages all young girls to try soccer, as much for the social interaction as for the competition.

"Even if you aren't the best player, you can learn a lot of life lessons from playing a sport like soccer," said Hamm, who credits her late brother, Garrett, with letting her play with him and the boys.

"You learn how to be a team player, to deal with defeat, to win graciously," she said. "You learn leadership skills, and you learn how to handle criticism, how to take direction. Soccer is not only a physical game but there is also a large mental component. You have to know where to be on the field at the appropriate time and control the ball while running full speed all while having a full view of the field. It requires a lot of control.

"Every time you step on the soccer field, you can challenge yourself to achieve something greater than what you had achieved before, whether it's learning to pass with your nondominant foot or to not be afraid of heading the ball. Soccer allows you to feel accomplished within a team setting."

Kick Around These Soccer Statistics!

- More than 80 percent of all soccer players are under age 18.
- The number of players aged 35 and older has grown by more than 30 percent since 1998.
- The number of female soccer players has jumped by 12.5 percent since 1998 to 8.4 million—representing nearly half (48 percent) of all participants.
- One-third of all U.S. children aged 6 to 11 played soccer at least once in 2000.
- In the past decade, there has been a 28 percent increase in female soccer participation in the U.S.—from 5.7 million in 1990 to 7.3 million in 1999. This market is expected to continue to grow as more girls play in city leagues and in high school and college.
- Soccer is the fifth most popular sport for children aged 6 to 17.

22. Explain several reasons why soccer is an especially appealing sport to women. Use information from the article to support your answer.

Scoring Guide

Score	Description
4	Response provides a thorough explanation of several reasons why soccer is an especially appealing sport to women. Explanation is developed and includes relevant information from the article as support.
3	Response provides an explanation of several reasons why soccer is an especially appealing sport to women. Explanation lacks some development and/or relevant information from the article as support.
2	Response provides a partial explanation of several reasons why soccer is an especially appealing sport to women. Explanation is limited or lacks development and relevant details from the article as support.
1	Response is vague/minimal.
0	Response is totally incorrect or irrelevant.
Blank	No response.

Scoring Notes

- Size is not an issue.
- Game is identical for men and women.
- Title IX scholarships: in response to Title IX, many colleges started soccer programs because programs were inexpensive and facilities were available.
- Mia Hamm has become a role model for many girls.

Score Point 4

Sample 1

As discussed in the article "Goal-Oriented" by Joel Poiraly, soccer is an appealing sport to women. According to Mia Hamm, soccer "helps build confidence" for girls going into adolescence. The girls are judged equally with boys and do not have to worry over size. Youth can play soccer, which also helps girls build confidence as they grow. Another reason soccer appeals to women concerns popularity. Some women choose to play soccer because they are inspired by players like Mia Hamm or David Beckham. Even movies have a motivating effect on soon-to-be soccer players. Soccer also has social and academic opportunities. Those who play soccer learn to communicate effectively and be part of a team. Now, scholarships are awarded to thousands of soccer players each year. Therefore, the astounding appeal of soccer to women is partially due the possible confidence, inspiration, and social and academic benefits soccer may hold for those women (and men) who choose to play the game.

Thorough, well-developed explanation of why soccer is an appealing sport to women; includes several reasons from the article as support.

Score Point 4

Sample 2

In the past women were not able to play sports, and play alongside men. But in the few decades sports such as soccer has gained the interest of young children and athletes all around the world. Role Models such as Mia Hamm give women and girls the sense of pride knowing women are given more freedom in their own hobbies. Sports such as soccer have given women, especially an increase in participation in sports. Soccer started in Goal-Oriented by Joel Kelley, Soccer not only teaches about being a team player, learning leadership skills, handling criticism and learning how to take direction, it also provides large mental components that teaches about control. "Every time you step on the soccer field, you can challenge yourself to achieve something greater than what you have achieved before..." Mia Hamm says. Soccer also provides the building of confidence as girls head into adolescence, and is one of the few sports in this country where girls are judged equally with boys on talent, not on gender. So the next time you decide to take up a sport, make soccer your choice because not will it give you a physical boost, it also gives you mental confidence.

Thorough, well-developed explanation of why soccer is an appealing sport to women; includes several reasons from the article as support.

Score Point 3

Sample 1

Soccer has been found to be very appealing to women because of a few different factors. In the article it was mentioned that women choose it because size does not matter. This is just because most women are smaller than men. This sport does not need to have big players. Another reason discussed dealt with the increased number of opportunities early on. This just means that many girls are able to participate in co-ed leagues early on and therefore they already are confident with their skills. This is also one of the few sports that does not have different rules for girls than boys. It shows equality. Overall, this sport shows more equality and consistency between boys and girls.

Explanation provides several reasons why soccer is an appealing sport to women but lacks some development/relevant information from the article as support.

Score Point 3

Sample 2

Soccer is an appealing sport for women because, as dictated by Title IX, it sets women on an equal status with men. Size isn't an issue in soccer, so everyone from tiny girls to big girls can play. It builds confidence because you are who you are on the field & everyone has a place & something they can excel at. Soccer is an especially appealing sport because it can be played in college where lots of scholarships are available. So, women can play a sport they love & further their education.

Explanation provides several reasons why soccer is an appealing sport to women but lacks some development/relevant information from the article as support.

Score Point 2

Sample 1

Soccer is an appealing sport to women because many girls are inspired by players like Hamm. Another reason is a lot of girls grow up playing coed youth soccer, which builds their confidence. Also size is not an issue for the sport.

Partial explanation of why soccer is an appealing sport to women but is limited and lacks relevant details from the article as support.

Score Point 2

Sample 2

It appeals to girls that size doesn't matter. Also helps them build up their confidence as they head into adolescence. Young girls can also learn life long lessons and winning isn't everything as long as you have your pride to carry you through.

Partial explanation of why soccer is an appealing sport to women but is limited and lacks relevant details from the article as support.

Score Point 1

Sample 1

Soccer doesn't have a lot to do
with strength so it is more fair.
Girls can be just as good as boys.

Minimal response to why soccer is an appealing sport to women.

Score Point 1

Sample 2

It isn't a size issue, and it helps build confidence.

Minimal response to why soccer is an appealing sport to women.

Score Point 0

Sample 1

soccer is a sport for men and women
but women like it more then men
and are way better players then men
so yeah

Incorrect/irrelevant response about soccer.

Score Point 0

Sample 2

Is because you can run and cike
the soccer ball and you a team with
grils.

Incorrect/irrelevant response about soccer.

Reading

Session 3

*This passage is from the book *Woodsong*, an account of author Gary Paulsen's life in northern Minnesota. In this passage, Paulsen tells about an adventure he has when training a group of young sled dogs. Read the passage and then answer the questions that follow.*

Fire

Gary Paulsen

Students read a selection titled “Fire” and then answered questions that followed. Due to copyright restrictions, the passage cannot be released to the public over the Internet. For more information, see the copyright citation below.

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72. Explain the three stages the dogs went through in their first experience with fire. Support your answer with information from the passage.

Scoring Guide

Score	Description
4	Response provides a thorough explanation of the three stages the dogs went through in their first experience with fire. Explanation is developed and includes relevant information from the passage as support.
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Scoring Notes

The dogs went through the following stages:

Fear (supported with details of dogs' first reaction to the fire)

Fascination or acceptance (supported with details of dogs' fascination with fire)

Attachment or sadness when it disappeared (supported with details of dogs' sad song when the fire died down)

Score Point 4

Sample 1

Well when they first glimpsed it their reaction was fear. Fear of the unknown and strange thing giving off light & heat. They did not adjust to it until the owner came and reassured them it was alright. Acceptance was the next stage, they realized that the fire was not going to harm them, they became fascinated and stared at it almost as if waiting for it to do something else. Of course if unattended a fire will go out, however with all the new sounds of the night, the movement of the wild unknown, the pack continued to watch the dying fire. At length it went out, with only a few embers remaining the dogs began to sing a song of regret. A song with all its beauty and sadness expressed the dogs feelings of loss. They had gone from fear and loathing, to acceptance & understanding. Finally to missing its presence by their side.

Thorough explanation of the three stages the dogs went through with relevant information from the passage as support.

The author equates the dogs' reactions to the fire with those that he imagines early humans must have experienced. He says that the dogs had "gone from [a]...genetic fear of fire, to understanding fire, to missing it when it went away." He ponders how the dogs could have seen so many new things that day, but only be frightened of one; fire. Maybe they sensed the potential for danger in the fire that they hadn't felt in the squirrel or the grouse. However, as they watched the fire, they came to know it and all the good it could do. They were given warmth, light, and the sense of security that those things bring. (Not to mention warm food!) And just as they were becoming used to this wonder, it was gone, causing them to miss what had previously been unknown.

Thorough explanation of the three stages the dogs went through with relevant information from the passage as support.

Score Point 3

Sample 1

The three stages the dogs went through with the fire was the frightfulness, "the dogs went crazy with fear", when they were overtaken with the fire, "And when they were over the fear of it, they were fascinated with it." and when they missed seeing the fire, "Just as I started to slide into the bag one of the dogs started to sing. It was a sad song." The author expresses how the dogs overcome new experiences.

Explanation of the three stages the dogs went through but lacks some development/relevant information from the passage as support.

Score Point 3

Sample 2

The Dog's first stage was fright they were terrified of the fire because they had never seen anything like it before in their kennels. Their second stage was amazement they liked the fire and wondered what it was and how it worked. The third and final stage they went through is sadness because the fire so they started howling their sad song because they wanted the fire to come back because the dogs were just pups so everything to them was amazing.

Explanation of the three stages the dogs went through but lacks some development/relevant information from the passage as support.

Score Point 2

Sample 1

The three stages the dogs first went through in their first experience with fire were very afraid. (They went crazy with fear.) They were then fascinated with it. They then started to miss the fire. (They went from fearing fire to understanding fire, then missing it when it was gone.)

Partial explanation of the three stages the dogs went through but is limited and lacks relevant details from the passage as support.

Score Point 2

Sample 2

The dogs went through fear, understanding, and missing the fire. When the narrator first lights the fire and the dogs are frightened. He soothes his dogs and through trust in him, the dogs begin to understand it. When he goes to sleep, the dogs sing a sad song because the fire is dead.

Partial explanation of the three stages the dogs went through but is limited and lacks relevant details from the passage as support.

Score Point 1

Sample 1

They went crazy with fear and lunged
against their chains. It was new to them

Minimal response to the three stages the dogs went through.

Score Point 1

Sample 2

The 3 stages the dogs went through were barking, howling
and fear. They lunged on their chains trying to
break free. They had a terrible time during the
fire

Minimal response to the three stages the dogs went through.

Score Point 0

Sample 1

They burnt their selves and
a lot of other stuff.

Incorrect response to the three stages.

Score Point 0

Sample 2

That people create fire and animals don't

Irrelevant response to the three stages.

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